

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Section IV Class D Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Section IV Class D Championship at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York, on Saturday, November 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Coyotes defeated Newfield High School in a thrilling victory to capture the Section IV Class D title; to win the Class D Regional Final, Candor also defeated LaFayette High School; and

WHEREAS, At the NYSPHSAA Class D State Tournament, Candor defeated Mekeel Christian Academy, Tuxedo High School, and Ellicottville High School in the Pool Play round to advance to the finals; the defeat of Ellicottville, with a score of 3-2, made Candor the victor of the NYSPHSAA Class D Championship; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community loyally and enthusiastically supported the Coyotes; the team finished the season with a record of 22 wins and only one loss; this was the fourth state volleyball title in Candor's history; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team worked hard to hone their skills, learning lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, All the outstanding athletes on the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination, and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team: Kathryn Stouffer, Phoebe Swartz, Malley Heidl, Ava Fernando, Keanna Fay, Ryleigh Bowman, Emmi McCracken, Nicola Soper, Leilani Lane, Hazel Ray, Kiera Austin, Emmi Makie, Tracy Reynolds, and Jillian Teribury; Head Coach Pam Quinlan; and Assistant Coaches, Michael Swartz and Brittney Noble upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Section IV Class D Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Candor Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team; Head Coach Pam Quinlan; and Assistant Coaches, Michael Swartz and Brittney Noble.